

## **DETAILED ACTION**

### ***Claim Objections***

1. The amended claims were received on August 7, 2008. The amended claims are acceptable.

### ***Drawings***

2. The drawings were received on August 20, 2003. The drawings are acceptable.

### ***Allowable Subject Matter***

3. Claims 1, 7-9, 11-13, 15, 19-20, 23, 25, 27,28 and 30 are allowed over the prior art of record.

### ***Reasons for Allowance***

4. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The prior art of record neither teach nor render obvious the instant application claimed invention as a whole, in particular, the prior art fails to teach "wherein retractable connector reacts linearly within a slot of the memory card from the extended position to retracted position along an axis parallel to an edge of the memory card" as recited in claim 1, "wherein retractable connector reacts linearly within a slot of the memory card from the extended position to retracted position along an axis parallel to an edge of the memory card" as recited in claim 15, "wherein retractable connector reacts linearly within a slot of the memory card from the extended position to retracted position along an axis parallel to an edge of the memory card" as recited in claim 23, "wherein retractable connector reacts linearly within a slot of the memory card from the extended position to retracted position along an axis parallel to an edge of the memory card" as

recited in claim 27 and “wherein the retractable connector reacts linearly within a slot of the memory card from the extended position to retracted position along an axis parallel to an edge of the memory card” as recited in claim 28.

***Conclusion***

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to ABIY GETACHEW whose telephone number is (571)272-6932. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday 8Am to 4:30Pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, DEAN REICHARD can be reached on (571)272-1984. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free). If you would like assistance from a USPTO Customer Service Representative or access to the automated information system, call 800-786-9199 (IN USA OR CANADA) or 571-272-1000.

/Dean A. Reichard/

Abiy Getachew

Application/Control Number: 10/644,484  
Art Unit: 2841

Page 4

Supervisory Patent Examiner, Art Unit 2841

Examiner  
Art Unit 2841

A.G.  
October 22, 2008